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1. Units of the 14th Infantry Division have been engaged in maneuvers in the regions of Koker Tepe/sic/ Tsil Tepe/sic/ Madendag/sic/ Yanuk Tepe, Kara Bair, and Yel Tepe/sic/ south of Plovdiv, since 28 Apr 54. Maneuvers were still in progress in May 1954.
2. Units of the division known to have taken part include the 6th, 27th, and 32nd Infantry Regiments, the 16th and 59th Motorized Regiments, and the 5th Artillery Regiment.
3. Reconnaissance aircraft participated in the maneuvers, but the units from which they came have not been identified.
4. Either disaffection exists in the army itself, or else resistance units are working close to army installations. On the night of 30 Apr and 1 May 54 a big depot belonging to III Corps at Kara Bunar (west of Novo Zagora) blew up. The explosion took place in the early hours of the morning. Fire destroyed most of the depot. Eight guards and some others have been arrested for sabotage. On 3 May 54, nationalists blew up the gasoline depot near Elena, located 45 kilometers from the permanent supply center for motorized army units.
5. The losses will be to some degree made good by shipments from tankers unloading gasoline at Petrovo/sic/, south of Varna (Stalin) on 2, 3 and 4 May 54. This was stored in underground depots south of Kilnovo, 32 kilometers from the coast. Tractors and automobiles for the Bulgarian Army reached the port of Mesevna/sic/ on 5 May re. The automobiles were five-ton armored cars. They were taken over by a Soviet detachment and a larger Bulgarian detachment. They are at the moment still near the port.

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